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bund breached. He inspected it afterwards in September 1935. He has reported that the breaches were not due to any mistake in the design or to defective workmanship during execution.

(*c*) The Government have no information.

(*d*) The restoration of the bund will cost Rs. 60,000 to Rs. 70,000 and it may not take more than 12 months to complete the work.

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—" May I know, Sir, whether the Chief Engineer has reported as to what exactly was the cause of this anicut giving way? "

The Hon. Mr. C. A. Souter:—" I shall explain very briefly. The earth work on that bund had only been recently put down and there had been some rain and it had not time to consolidate properly. Suddenly there was very heavy rain and within a very few hours the tank rose to the extent of 10 feet and water began to percolate through the new earth work; and due to the enormous pressure exercised by the sudden rise in the water by 10 feet and in consequence of this percolation of water, a hole was made which gradually extended and the entire bund collapsed."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—" May I know what is the full tank level? "

The Hon. Mr. C. A. Souter:—" Notice, Sir."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—" May I know if with a rise of only 10 feet of water such damage could have taken place? "

The Hon. Mr. C. A. Souter:—" I think I have explained, Sir."

Land Revenue Administration

Appointment and transfer of clerks in the Revenue Department.

* 515 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the clerks entertained in the Revenue department may be transferred to other departments;

(*b*) if so, for what reasons and on what principles such transfers are made;

(*c*) whether a copy of the Government Order passed permitting such transfers will be placed on the table;

(*d*) how many such transfers have been made from the Revenue department in Salem district in each year for the past three years;

(*e*) who the persons concerned are; to which department each has been transferred; what the qualifications and service put up by and the community of each are and whether they are the juniormost hands then in service of the Revenue department;

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(*f*) how many persons have been drafted into the Revenue department from the Settlement department in that district in each year for the past three years;

(*g*) who the persons concerned are, what the qualifications, and the service, if any, in the Revenue department and the community of each are; and

(*h*) what the reasons are for such drafting when men originally entertained in this (Revenue) department are shunted out?

A.—(*a*) They may be transferred to posts in other departments included in the Madras Ministerial Service, subject to the provisions of Fundamental Rule 15, and provided that the appointing authorities concerned agree.

(*b*) Transfers may be made at the request of individual clerks, or in the interests of administrative convenience.

(*c*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to rule 15 of the General Rules for Subordinate Services governing transfers which is printed in the Madras Services Manual, Volume II, a copy of which is available in the Secretariat Library.

(*d*), (*e*), (*f*), (*g*) & (*h*) The Government have not the information.

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—" May I know, Sir, whether the information required in clauses (*d*) to (*h*) would be called for and made available to the House? "

The Hon. Mr. C. A. Souter:—" I do not think it is necessary, Sir."

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—" May I ask, Sir, whether on account of the abolition of the group system, they are not able to get on well with the revenue establishments of the various districts? "

The Hon. Mr. C. A. Souter:—" We do not think so, Sir."

Public Service

Number of gazetted appointments held by the members of the 'Scheduled classes' as on 31st March 1935.

* 516 *Q.*—Mr. P. V. Rajagopala Pillai: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of gazetted appointments held by members of 'Scheduled classes' on the 31st March 1935;

(*b*) the designation of such appointments; and

(*c*) the particular caste of the holders of such appointments?

A.—A statement [a] is laid on the table.

[a] Printed as Appendix on page 1022 infra.